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### CONYERS SUPPORTS PLAN TO STOP ONLINE PIRACY

Congressman Conyers issued the following statement supporting the recording industry's plan to stop peer-to-peer piracy:

"The entire copyright community is suffering from an epidemic of online piracy and something needs to be done about it. This is an appropriate and reasonable step to target those who are offering massive quantities of copyrighted songs to millions of others. This is clearly illegal activity, and it makes sense for the record companies to enforce their rights.

"Rampant online music piracy deprives not only the artists of today of a fair return for their work, but it especially hurts the artists of tomorrow. Record labels' artist development budgets are being slashed, and the real losers are music fans who expect and enjoy great new music. The music community must get a handle on the piracy epidemic, and the record companies' plan to bring lawsuits against peer-to-peer users who are offering their music collection to millions of others is a much-needed response."

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